

Summary Minutes of the Medical Council meeting 19th and 20th September 2013

A meeting of the Medical Council was held at 12:30hrs on Thursday 19th and 08.30 Friday 20th of September 2013 in Kingram House, Kingram Place, Dublin 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Professor Freddie Wood (President)	Dr John Barragry
Dr Audrey Dillon (Vice President)	Ms Katharine Bulbulia
Mr Declan Carey	Ms Anne Carrigy
Dr Seán Curran	Dr Anthony Breslin
Ms Mary Duff	Professor Fidelma Dunne
Dr Bairbre Golden	Dr Ruairi Hanley
Mr Seán Hurley	Professor Alan Johnson
Professor Mary Leader	Councillor Sally Mulready
Ms Margaret Murphy	Mr John Nisbet
Professor Colm O'Herlihy	Dr Michael Ryan
Ms Cornelia Stuart	Dr Consilia Walsh
Ms Catherine Whelan	

APOLOGIES

Dr Rita Doyle
Ms Marie Kehoe O'Sullivan

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Caroline Spillane (CEO)
Mr William Kennedy (Director of Regulation)
Dr Paul Kavanagh (Director of Professional Development and Practice)
Mr Marcus Balfe (Director of Finance & ICT)
Ms Lisa Molloy (Head of Corporate Services & Secretary to Council)
Mr Jim McDermott (Head of ICT & Operations)
Mr Philip Brady (Head of Registration)
Dr Anne Keane (Head of Education & Training)
Ms Jan Fitzpatrick (Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services)
Ms Niamh McAuley (Clerical Officer, Corporate Services)
Ms Nicole Trimble (Clerical Officer, Corporate Services)
Ms Finola O' Dwyer (Solicitor, Professional Standards)
Mr David Holland BL (Senior Counsel)

Note:

A Private Session was taken prior to the commencement of the Council meeting. Following completion of this session, the Council meeting was then formally commenced.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd & 24th July 2013 were agreed and signed.

CEO's Business

Council members noted the CEO report which provided an update to members on a number of operational matters including:

- In light of the Protection of Life during Pregnancy Act 2013 coming in to legislative effect Council agreed to consider conducting a review of certain provisions within the current Guide to Professional Conduct and Ethics for Registered Medical Practitioners.
- Council was advised that confirmation has been received from the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation in the United States Department of Education, of the Medical Council's Undergraduate Education and Training Accreditation Activities, advising our processes are comparable to their standards.
- Council noted the date of the planned Education and Training Symposium which will be held on Thursday 21st November 2013. Keynote speakers are Professor John Jenkins (Current President of ASME and former GMC Member) and Dr Anne-Marie Mc Lellan (Director of Education at the Medical Regulatory Authority (College des Mediciens) in Quebec, Canada).
- Council considered the letter received from the Department of Health re: Compliance with Standards in Hand Hygiene and the reports from HIQA regarding the failure of some clinicians to comply in full with the approved specified standards on hand hygiene. Council agreed that a response should issue advising that while Council is concerned about this matter it is the healthcare service providers who are primarily responsible for the healthcare provided to the public. Council also agreed to refer this matter to the Ethics and Professionalism Committee.

President's Business

- Council confirmed the establishment of the following Medical Council Committees.
 1. Fitness to Practice (FtPC),
 2. Preliminary Proceedings Committee (PPC),
 3. Audit, Strategy and Risk Committee (ASRC)
 4. Nominations and Development Committee (NDC)
 5. Health Committee (HC)
 6. Registration and Continuing Practice Committee (RCPC)
 7. Education, Training and Professional Development Committee (ETPDC)
 8. Ethics and Professionalism Committee (EPC)
 9. Strategy Working Group (SWG)

Registration Business

- Council was advised that under the circumstances where an applicant has been refused registration, and has not sought a review of the decision, it is standard practice for the decision regarding a doctor's registration application, by the former Standards in Practice Committee, to be confirmed by the Council upon expiry of the review window.
- Council approved the report of the former Standards in Practice Committee regarding the expiration of the review window for a number of doctor's registration application.

Ratification of Pre-Registration Examination System (PRES) - Level 3 Results

- Council approved the results of the Level 3 PRES held in Trinity College on 6th September 2013.

Professional Competence Business

- Council approved the Performance Assessment Report and Action Plan Framework for a doctor.
- Council approved the assessors for an assessment visit to a doctor.

Audit, Strategy and Risk Committee (ASRC)

- Council approved the report of the Audit, Strategy and Risk Committee which included the following item:
 1. Council noted that the ASRC had established a Strategy Working Group to oversee the development of the Statement of Strategy 2014-2018.

Nominations and Development Committee

- Council approved the report of the Nominations and Development Committee (NDC), which included the following items:
- Council approved the membership of the following Committees and Group:
 1. Fitness to Practise Committee (FtPC)
 2. Preliminary Proceedings Committee (PPC)
 3. Audit, Strategy and Risk Committee (ASRC)
 4. Nominations Development Committee (NDC)
 5. Education, Training and Professional Development Committee (ET&PDC)
 6. Registration and Continuing Practice Committee (RCPC)
 7. Health Committee (HC)
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To be considered by Council under Parts 7, 8 and 9 of 2007 Act

- Five staff members of the Medical Council were approved by Council to carry out the functions of Case Officers as per section 58 of the Medical Practitioners Act, 2007 and all

warrants were signed and sealed in this regard at the Council meeting on 20th September 2013.

Media Log

- This item was noted by Council

Date & Time of next meeting

- Council noted that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 7th November 2013 at 12:30hrs & Friday 8th November 2013 at 08:30hrs